

Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
March 28, 2014



Paul R. LePage
Governor, State of Maine

Bartlett H. Stoodley, Chair
Edwin P. Chester, Esq. Vice Chair

I. Roll Call:

Present: Richard Brown, Ned Chester, Esq., Dalene Dutton, Jacinda Goodwin, Hon. Charles LaVerdiere, Pender Makin, Colin O'Neill, Tessa Mosher, Jonathan J. Shapiro, JJAG Chair Bartlett Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Esq., Dr. Lindsey Tweed, Patrick Walsh

Absent: Kamden Berry, Mark Boger, Rachel Boucher, Abby Comee-McCourt, Nickole DeMerritt, Joseph Fitzpatrick, James Foss, Amber Heikkinen, Carla Knapp, Sheriff Randall A. Liberty, Margaret Longworth, Christian Muhitira, Dan Nichols, Lisa Sandy, Dr. Lindsey Tweed

Staff: Jason Carey, Staff Assistant; Kathryn McGloin, Juvenile Justice Specialist

Guest: Melissa Cilley, Susan Curtis Foundation; Dorothy Foote, Wayfinder School; Luc Nya, Office of Child & Family Services, DHHS (OCFS); Sarah Ricker, Assistant Principal Wiscasset High School; Lynn Witten, OCFS

II. Chair:

The JJAG meeting was called to order by Barry Stoodley, Chair, at 9:15 A.M. and introductions were made.

Barry gave the floor to Richard Brown who then introduced Melissa Cilley. Melissa is the Executive Director of the Susan Curtis Foundation and spoke about Camp Susan Curtis – the only camp of its kind here in Maine working with underprivileged children.

Barry reminded Committee Co-Chairs that Committee minutes are to be approved by committee members in the formal process designed by each committee and sent to Kathryn (JJ Specialist) with a copy to Barry (JJAG Chair). At some point they will bring the committee minutes, as approved by each committee, before the JJAG for approval and incorporation into the formal JJAG record.

III. Minutes:

The minutes for the February 26, 2014 JJAG meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the February 26, 2013 Minutes

Moved: Richard Brown/Christine Thibeault

Abstain: Dalene Dutton

Action: Approved

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IV. JJ Specialist Report:

Recommendations for Governor's Annual Report – Each committee can take a role in generating these recommendations. Each committee could produce develop recommendations and send them to Kathryn. Review of these submissions will be performed by the Executive Committee or via email. For example, reauthorization of the Act.

Update on NE TA w/Dr. Hutchinson – The New England Technical Assistance with Lisa will most likely be in September. New Hampshire and Vermont are interested but share travel expense concerns with us.

Community Counseling Center - Training of the Effects of Trauma on Children. Schedule for trainings: May 1st Fairfield, May 8th Lewiston, May 19th Machias, May 20th Orono, May 28th York, June 3rd in Portland. Cost is \$15 and lunch is included. Kathryn will research and provide more information on the training.

3 Year Plan Update – There is no solicitation for the Formula Grant as of yet. However it won't be the promised \$600,000, rather \$400,000. The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant and Title V Community Delinquency Prevention have been zeroed out. The Three Year Plan Update is due 60 days after we receive the solicitation.

Committees are asked to provide a potential budget for their plan for the 2014 Formula Grant.

Needs & Problem Statements (NAPS) from each committee are due. Kathryn suggests using the objectives and goals developed with Dr. Lisa Hutchinson as a resource. The format should be “here's the problem, here's the solution” – short and succinct. April 25th is the deadline for submission of NAPS. NAPS need to match the actual work of the JJAG.

The Executive Committee will review and develop the Plan NAPS for full JJAG review. We may call a special meeting of the JJAG in order to finalize this work.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) – The Governor is asked to sign an Office of Justice Programs (DOJ) document stating that Maine has all of the mechanisms in place for PREA compliance. He may look for sufficient reassurance from the Department of Corrections, county jails, and others subject to PREA standards that Maine has policies and procedures in place to comply.

The DOJ PREA Standards apply to:

- State and local confinement facilities including adult prisons and jails

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- Juvenile facilities
- Police lockups
- Community corrections facilities
- Placements

If an adult serving facility is non-compliant Maine's Title II funding for 2014 will be reduced by 5% however this funding cannot be used to rectify the problem. If it is a juvenile serving facility the funds may be used.

Any sexual behavior in any facility has to be reported.

Disproportionate Minority Contact Technical Assistance – On May 6th Dr. Hutchinson will provide strategic planning assistance in Portland.

Compliance Monitor – The job posting is out with a closing date of April 8th, 2014. In the meantime Jason is keeping up with paperwork.

V. Committee Reports:

Training & Education (TE) – The Committee has not officially met but will meet today at 2 p.m. Communication has been maintained by email. Dorothy Foote and Page Nichols will join the committee. Both offer many years of restorative learning practices, delinquency prevention practices and training.

TE meetings will be held monthly on the last Friday, following the Executive Committee Meeting, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This meeting will be held in person with telephone and video chat options on standby.

One of the deliverables the TE Committee would like to see is a think tank that makes regular posts to a Juvenile Justice blog.

Marketing & Outreach – The Committee has developed a conference call meeting schedule for the year. The Co-Chairs have drafted a Needs Statement that includes a work plan for the coming year. The Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention event at the State House on April 1st will have a JJAG presence.

DMC – Smaller projects underway but no new action as of yet. Met with Dr. Hutchinson by phone in February to rough out an agenda and personnel.

Two sets of data will be coming this spring: qualitative data from the research of children and families in the system and quantitative data using the nine decision points in the juvenile justice system using the Relative Rate Index (RRI).

There has been a preliminary discussion about cooperation or merging with RED (Racial and Ethnic Disparity) work in JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative).

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Informal Adjustment Letters may be translated into the most common languages found in the State. Kathryn, working with Mike Mac, has developed a paper copy of the language identification posters to include in the envelope.

Arabella Perez, of THRIVE has offered a small amount of funding to support our DMC effort.

The Committee is developing a list of potential non-JJAG committee members so to gather a nice cross-section of insights.

Barry reiterated that JJAG members are the only voting members in the committees. JJAG members may join and supply input to any other committee(s).

Youth Engagement – The Co-Chairs are working to increase membership. No committee meeting schedule has been set. Barry has been asked to contact superintendents of youth facilities to see about youth recruitment. The Committee is accepting youth/juvenile membership referrals. They are looking for kids who have penetrated the system as well as siblings of kids in the system.

OJJDP Administer, Robert Listenbee, is initiating a major federal roll-out for youth engagement. There may be some mirroring at the state level of the upcoming work of the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice.

Systems Improvement – No meetings scheduled set yet. Co-Chairs are having difficulty with meeting dates convenient to members. One project is on the table – updating the training system at Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The Co-Chairs indicate that most communications will be done via email.

VI. Arabella Perez, THRIVE & Youth Move Maine:

Arabella Perez, Executive Director of THRIVE presented on *Developing a Trauma-Informed Continuous Quality Improvement Process for Juvenile Justice* and Youth Move Maine. Members had the opportunity to discuss the importance of youth engagement and strategies to engage them.

IX. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 27, 2013 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Location TBA.